

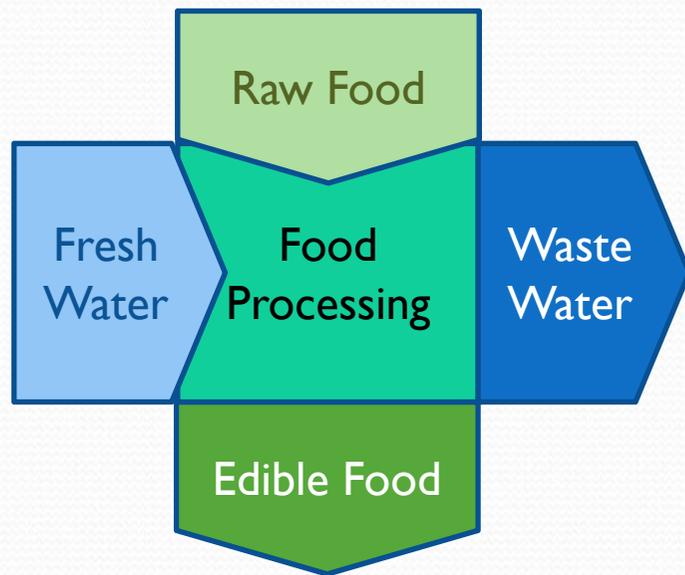
# Valorisation of Alkaloid Containing Wastewater: Bioconversion of Lupanine into Added-Value Products by Newly Isolated Microorganisms



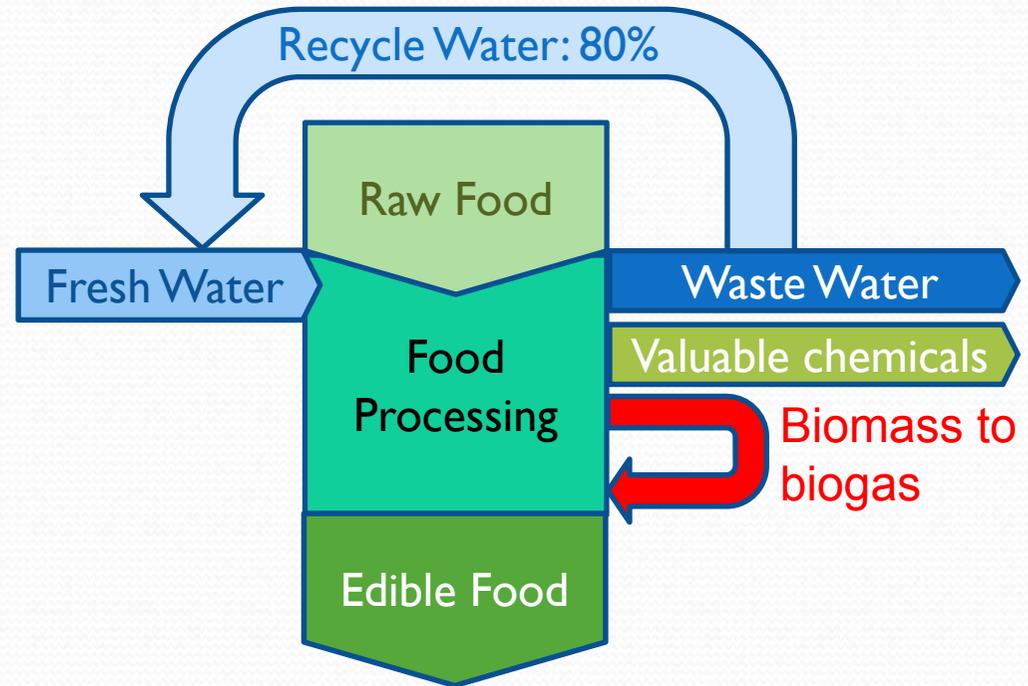
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# The Concept of Biorg4WasteWaterVal+

Bioorganic Novel Approaches for Food Processing Waste Water Treatment and Valorisation: Lupanine Case Study

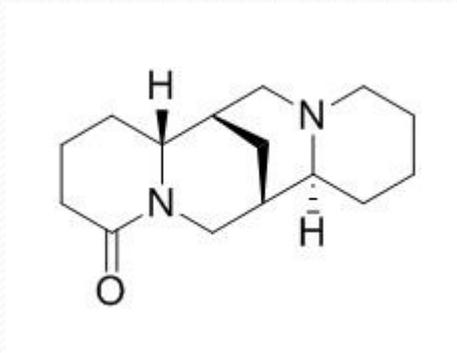
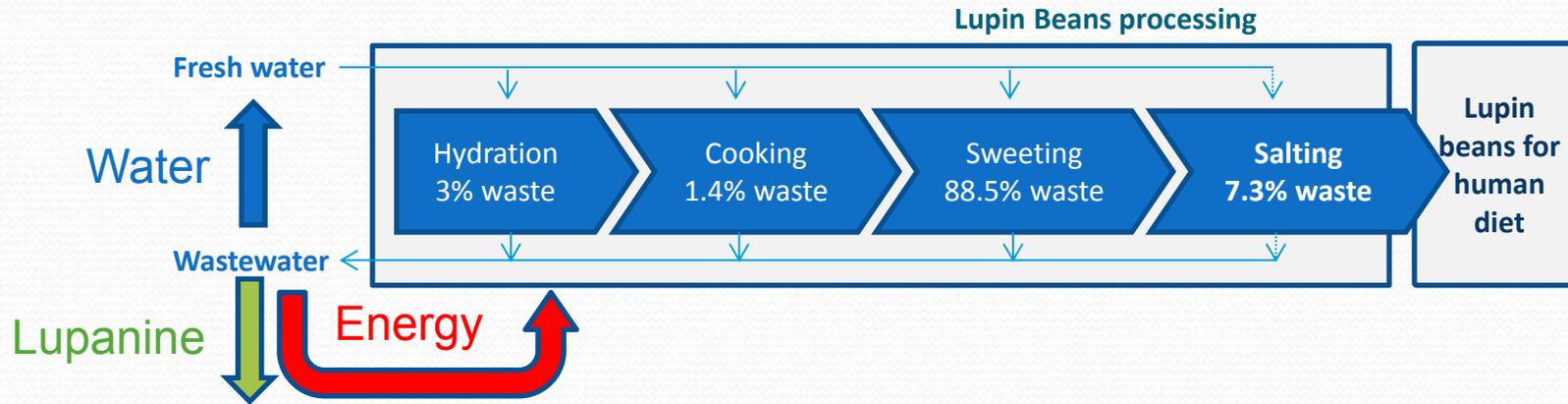


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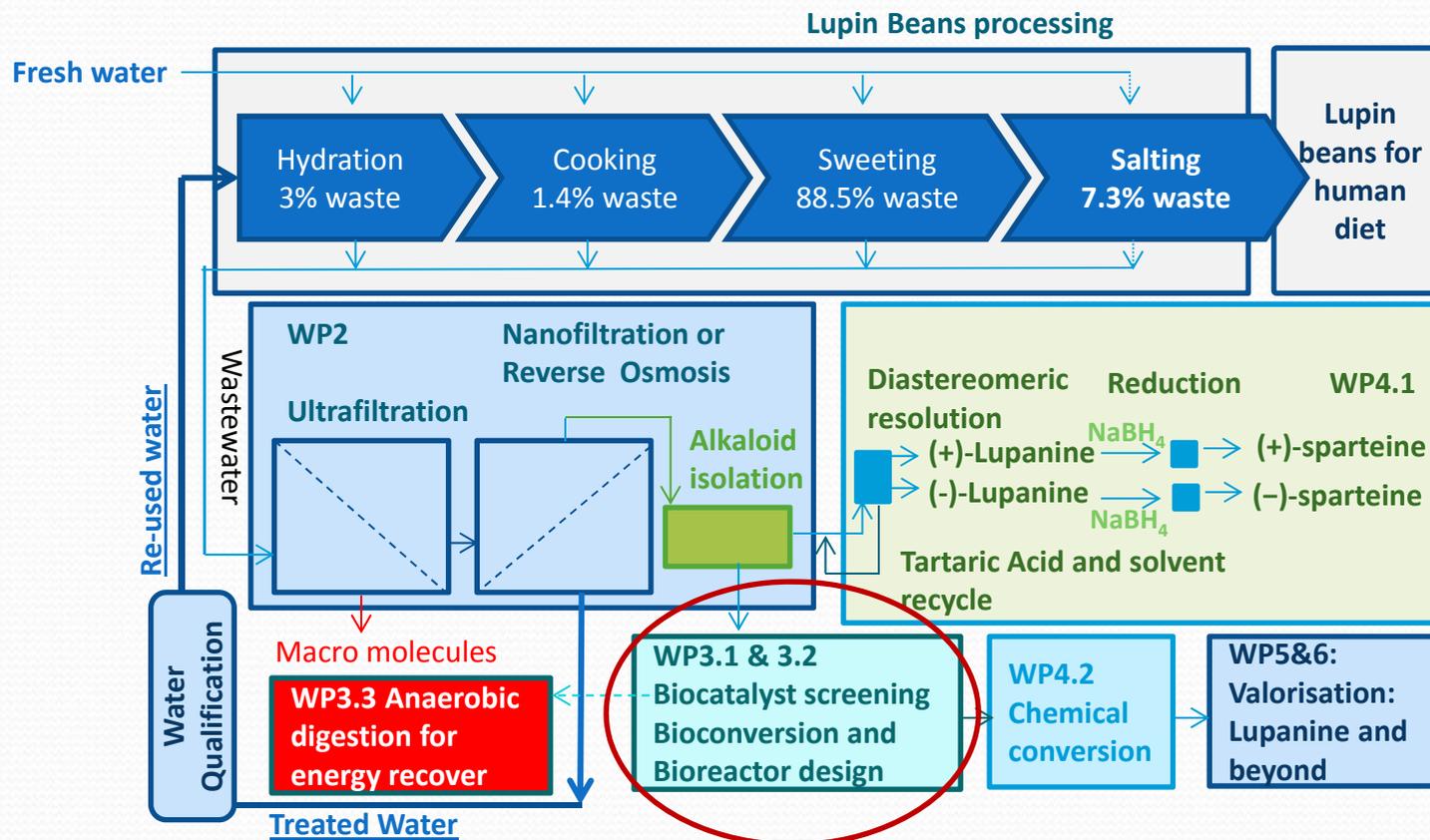


Circular Water Economy

# The Lupin Beans Case Study



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# Motivation

- Quinolizidine nucleus
- Useful functionalities for **fine chemicals** and **pharmaceutical** industries
- Synthesis requires **too many steps** and the overall **yield is low**
- Use of a natural molecule as target for **biotransformation**
- Produce new and known alkaloids with high added-value to overcome **laborious total synthesis**

## Chemical transformation lupanine:

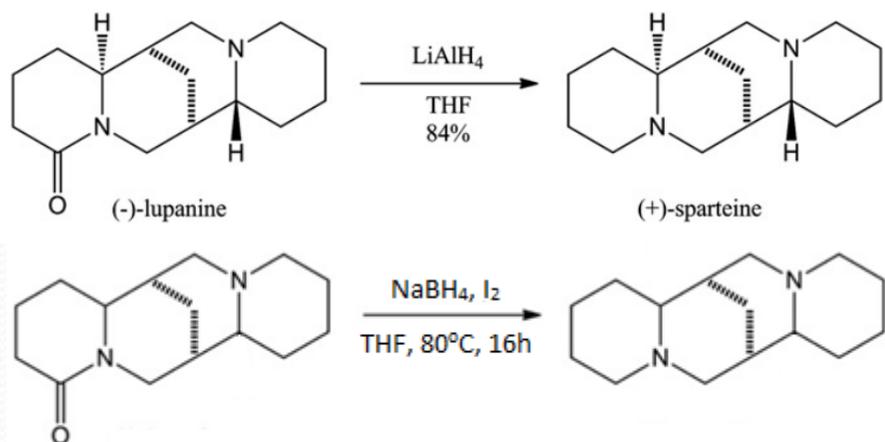


Figure: Reduction (-)-lupanine to (+)-sparteine.

## Strains capable of using lupanine:

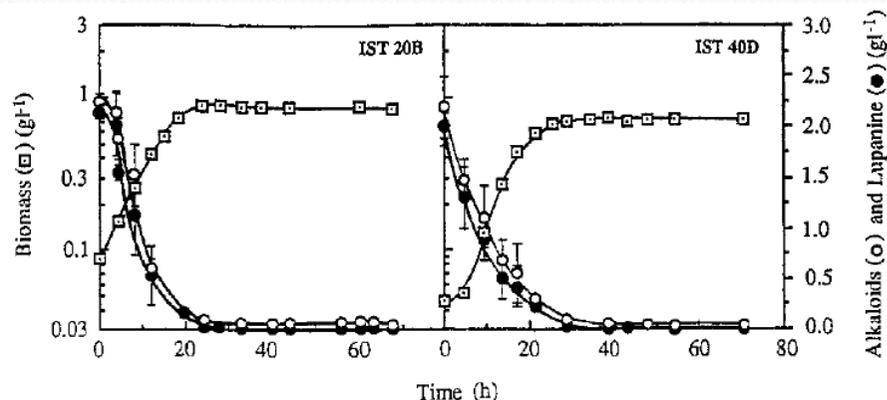


Figure: Decrease of the concentrations of lupanine (●) and total alkaloids (○) during growth (□) of strains IST 20B and IST 40D at 27°C in LUP2 medium.

Lupanine removal (stationary phase): 99%

## Strains Metabolising Alkaloids

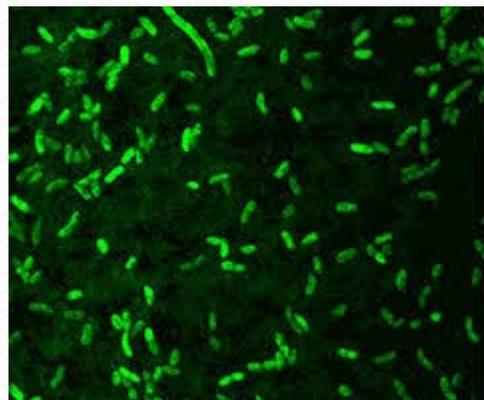
**Nicotine:** demethylation pathway in fungi  
pyridine pathway in Gram-positive bacteria  
pyrrolidine pathway in Gram-negative bacteria  
variant of pyridine and pyrrolidine pathway in  
Gram-negative bacteria

**Caffeine:** *Pseudomonas* sp. CES (9 metabolic enzymes  
involved)

**Lupanine:** *Pseudomonas* sp. (lupanine 17-hydroxylase)

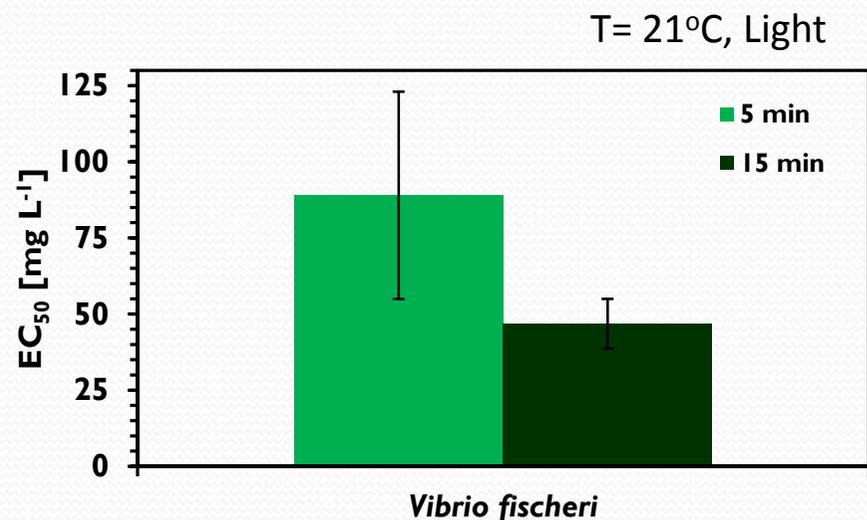
# Toxicological Aspects of Lupanine - Aquatic

## *Vibrio fischeri*



Marine bacteria  
Luminescence inhibition

Highly toxic

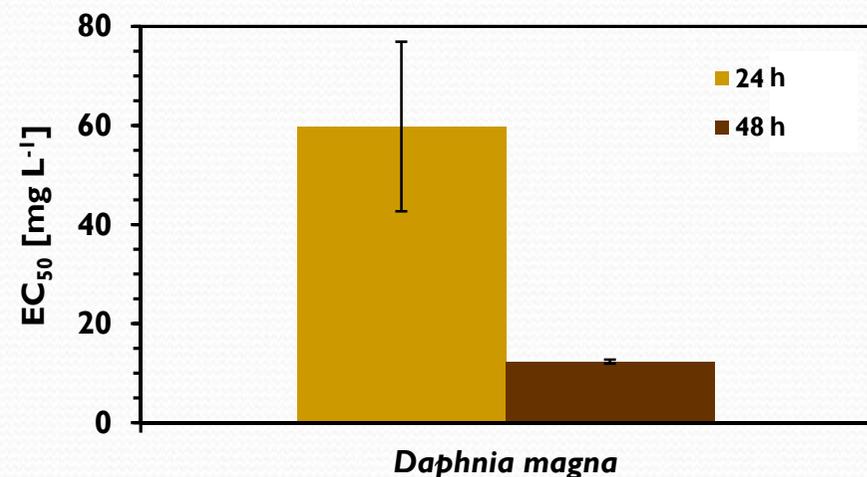


## *Daphnia magna*



Planktonic crustacean  
Freshwater organism  
Immobilisation test

Highly toxic



# Toxicological Aspects of Lupanine - Plants

## *Sinapis alba*



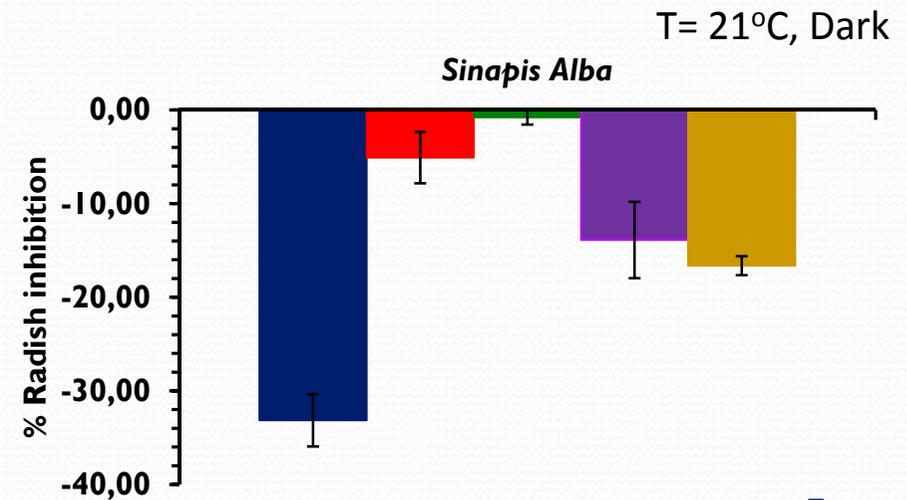
Dicotyledonous seeds

Radicle growth

Positive effect

Non-toxic

*Lupinus albus* is  
dicotyledonous



## *Sorghum saccharatum*

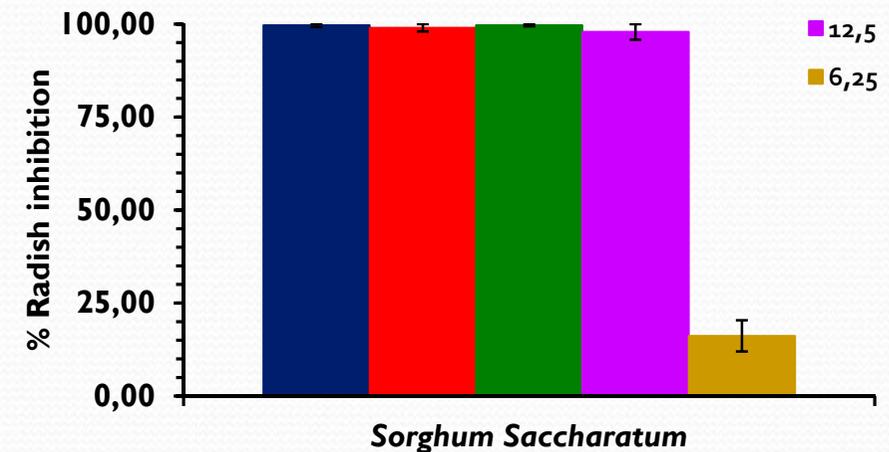


Monocotyledonous seeds

Radicle growth

Negative effect

Highly toxic



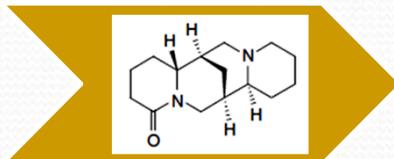
# Isolation of Lupanine Metabolising Strains

Environmental Samples



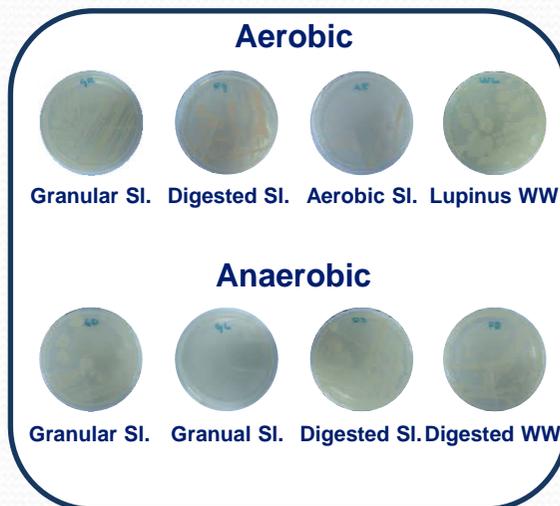
Granular Sludge  
Anaerobic Sludge  
Aerobic Sludge  
Lupinus Wastewater

Carbon Source



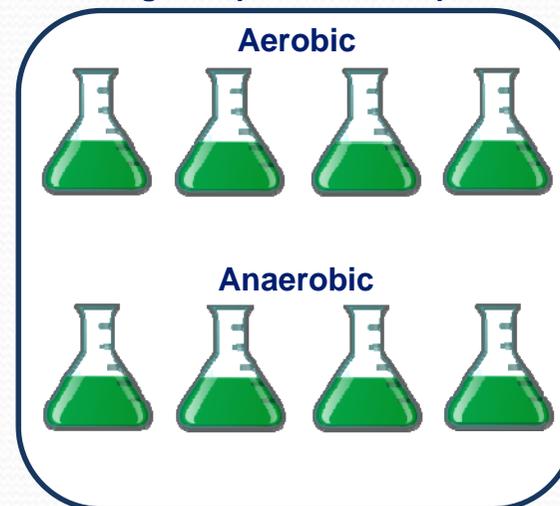
Lupanine

1 g L<sup>-1</sup> lupanine, 30 °C, pH 7



8 Microbial Isolates

1.5 g L<sup>-1</sup> lupanine, 30 °C, pH 7

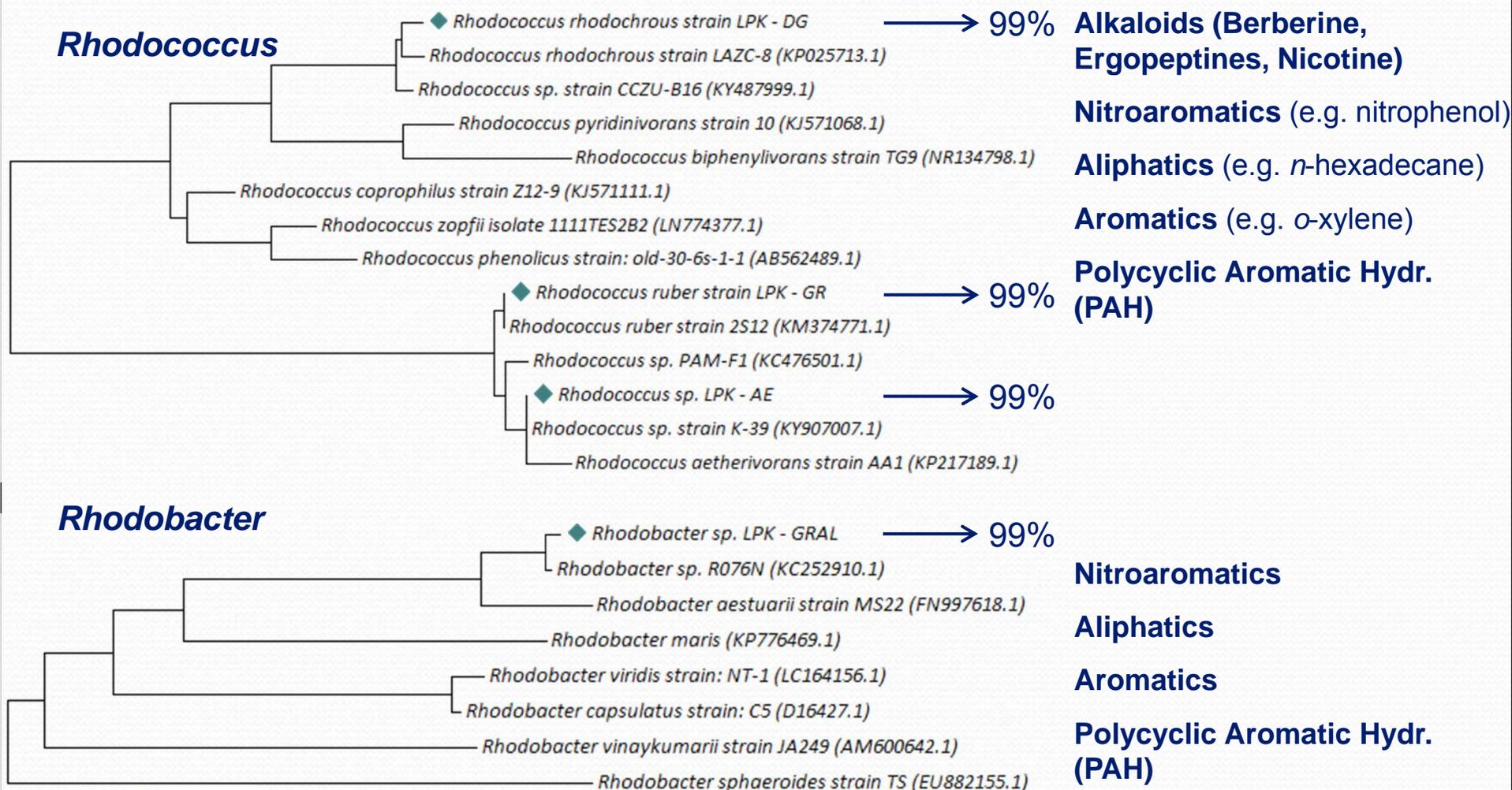


- Aerobic**
- Rhodococcus rhodochrous*
  - Rhodococcus* sp.
  - Rhodococcus rubber*
  - Pseudomonas putida*
- Anaerobic**
- Rhodobacter* sp.
  - Ochrobactrum tritici*
  - Pseudomonas citronellolis*
  - Pseudomonas* sp.

16S rRNA Sequencing (Macrogen – The Netherlands)

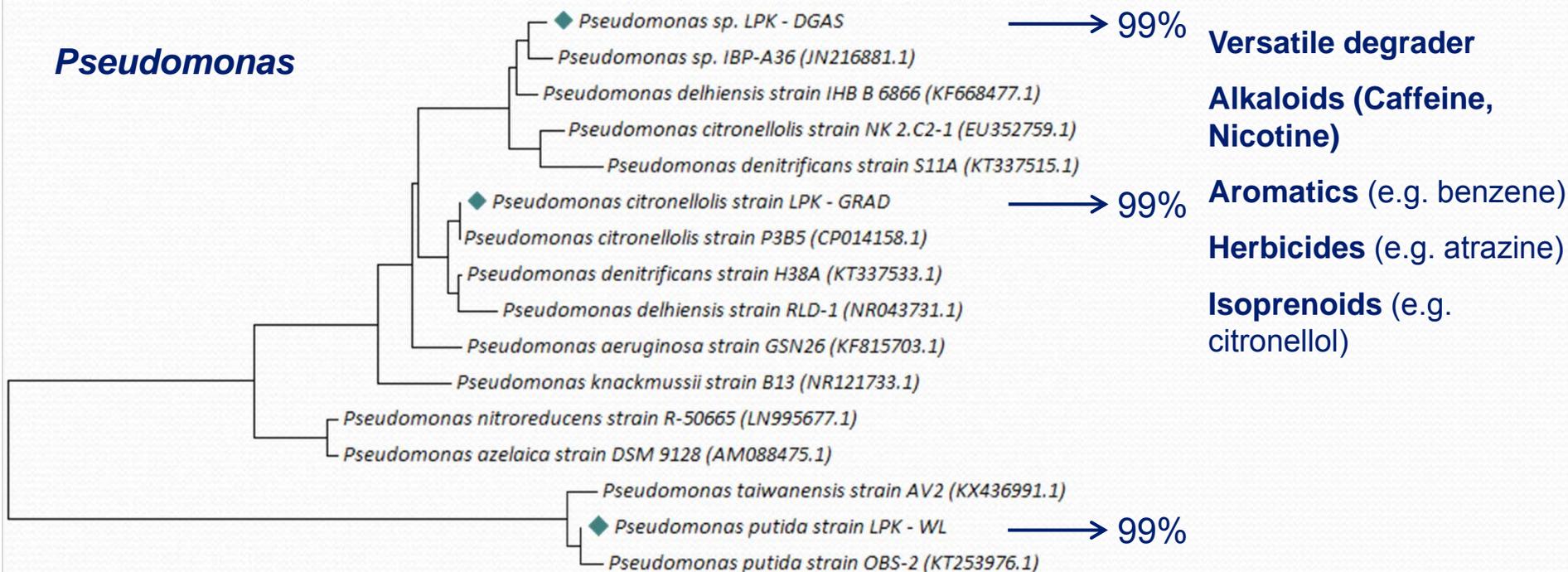
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# Phylogenetic Trees of Isolates

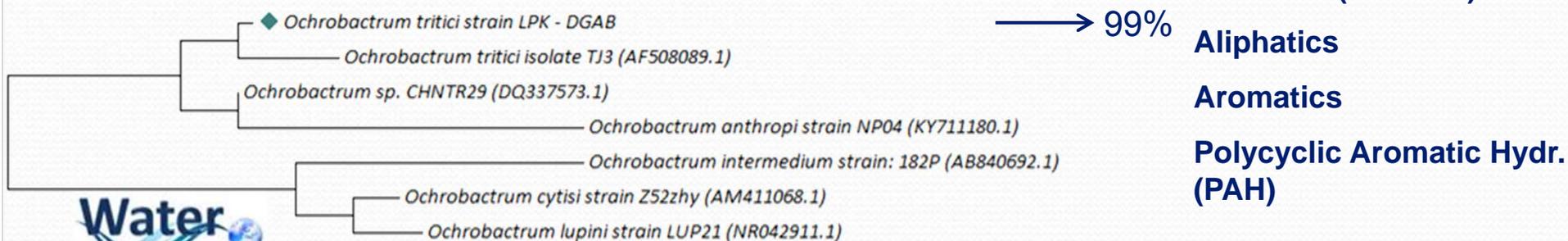


# Phylogenetic Trees of Isolates

## *Pseudomonas*



## *Ochrobactrum*



# Lupanine Biodegradation – Aerobic Strains

**Conditions:** 31 °C, pH 7, minimal medium (M9)

## Stationary phase

*P. putida* LPK411: 30 h

Other 3 strains: 36 h

## % Removal

*R. rhodochrous* LPK211: **80%**

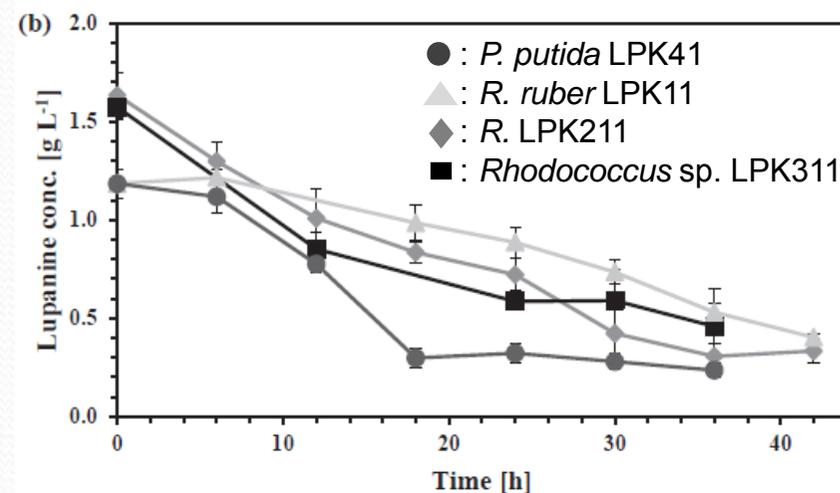
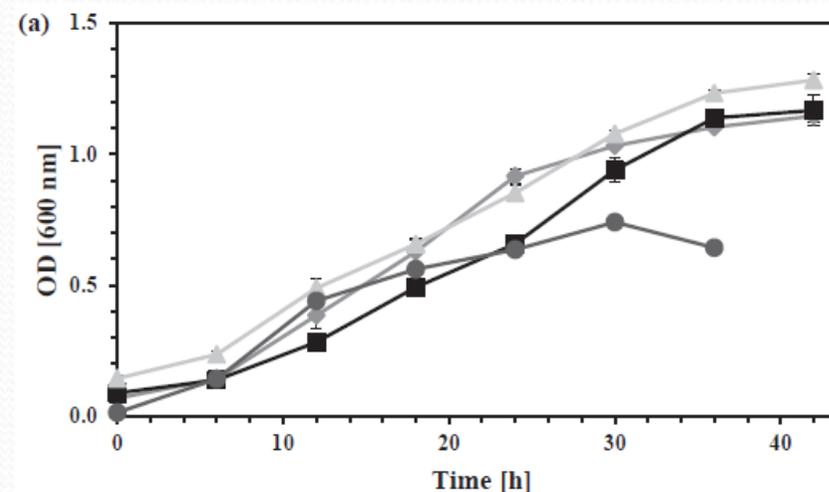
*R. sp.* LPK311: **70%**

*R. ruber* LPK111: **69%**

## Other studies

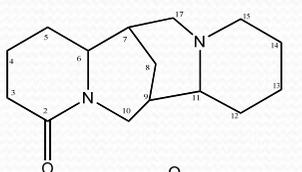
1 g L<sup>-1</sup> removed (99%) in 10 h from wastewater  
(Santana et al. 2002)

3 g L<sup>-1</sup> removed (99%) in 30 h from wastewater  
(Santana et al. 1996)

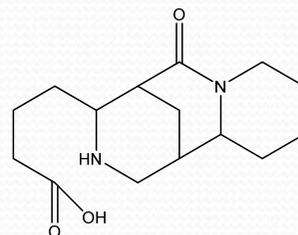
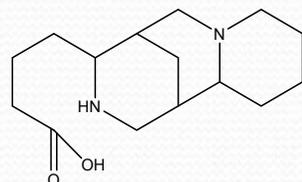
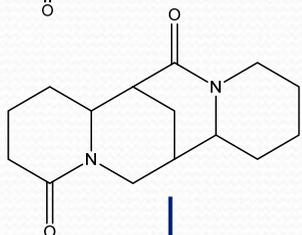
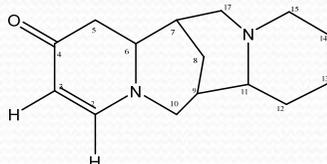


# Final Metabolic Products – Aerobic Strains

**Lupanine**

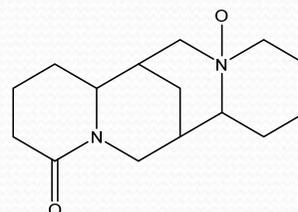


**Multiflorine**

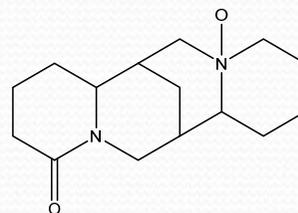


*P. putida* LPK411

**New generation sparteine analogues  
via alkylation on the amide bond**



*R. ruber* LPK111



*R. sp.* LPK311

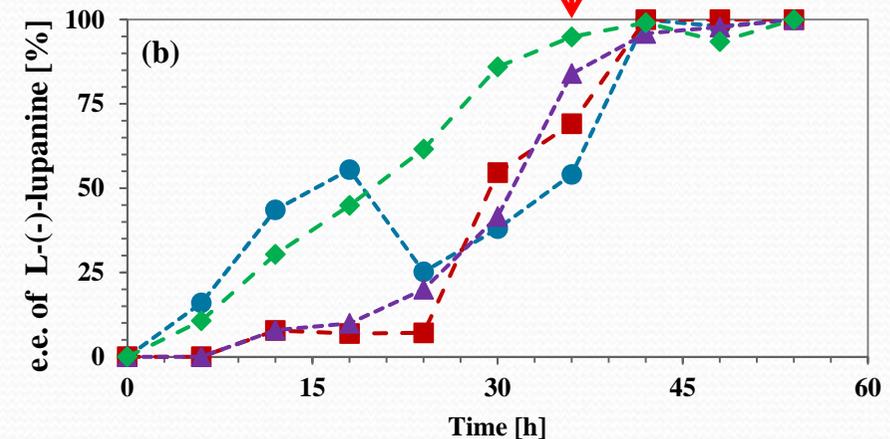
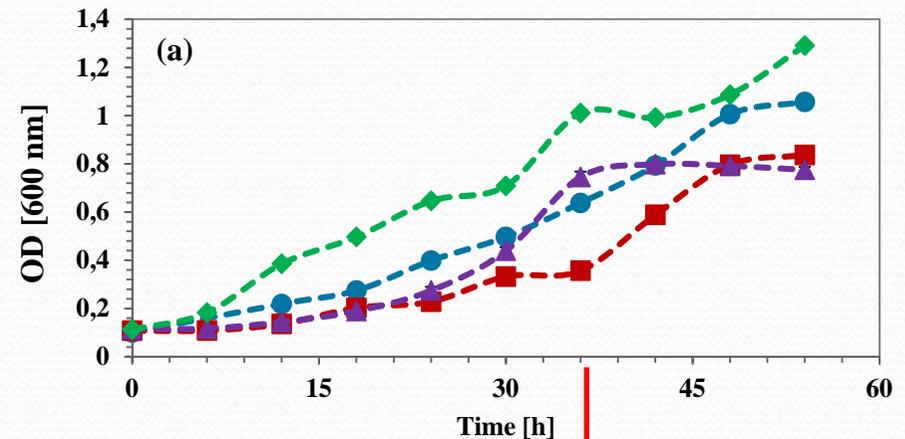
# Resolution of Racemic Lupanine

**Racemic mixture:** D-(+)-lupanine, L-(-)-lupanine  
**Conditions:** 31 °C, pH 7, minimal medium (M9)

All strains e.e. 95-100% at **42 h**

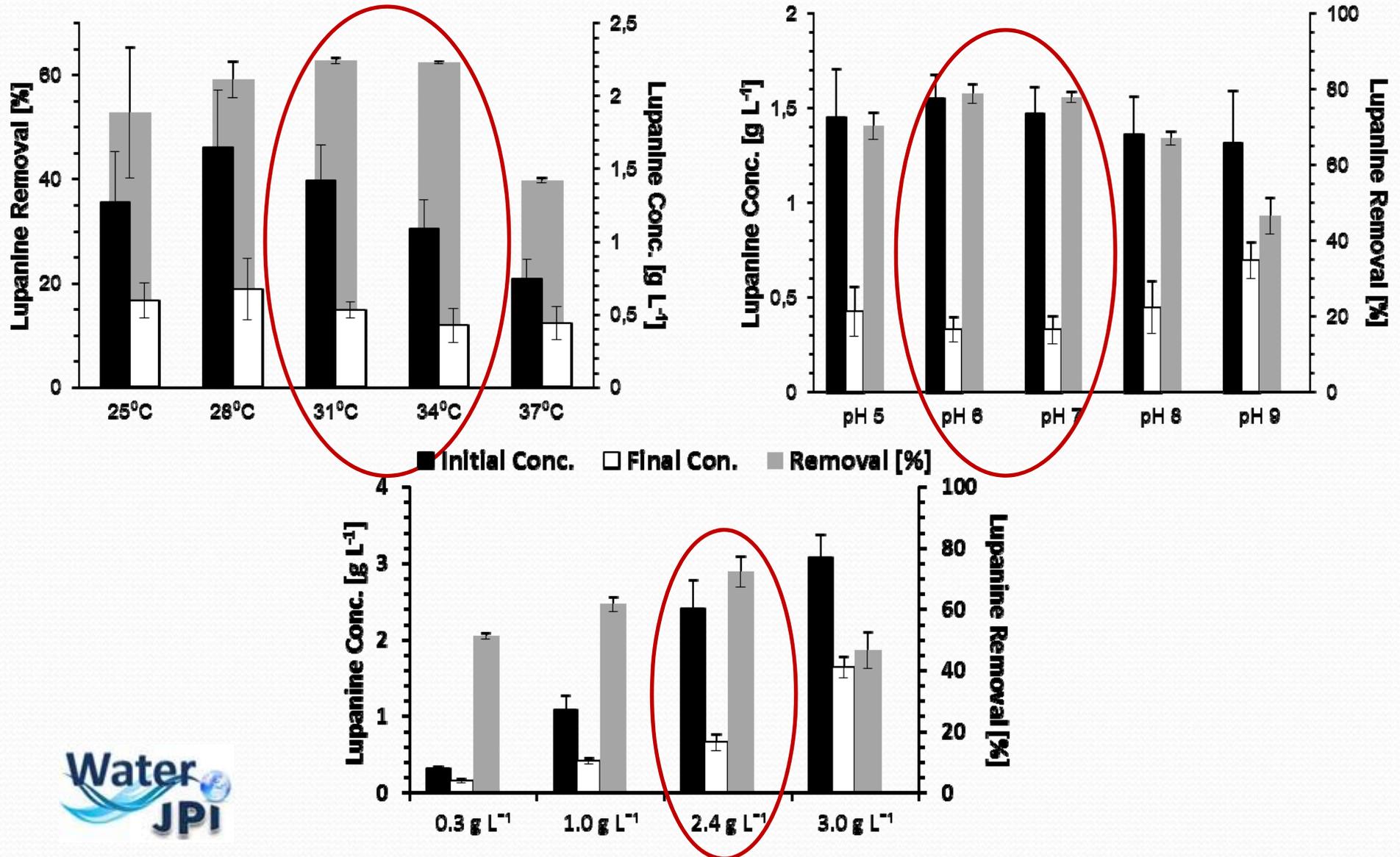
*P. putida* LPK411: e.e. 95% at **36 h, 53% lupanine**

L-(-)-lupanine: synthesis of L-(-)-sparteine



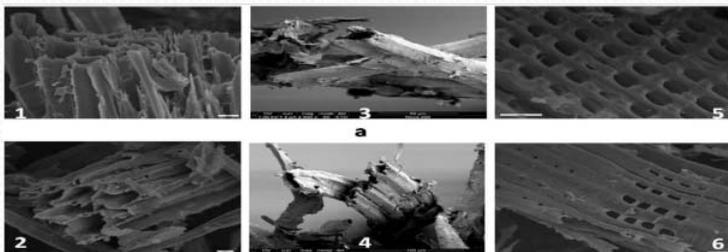
- ◆ : *P. putida* LPK41
- : *R. ruber* LPK11
- : *R. LPK211*
- ▲ : *Rhodococcus* sp. LPK311

# Optimisation of *P. putida* Growth on Lupanine



# Future Opportunities

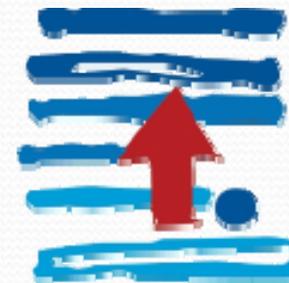
- Microbial kinetics and metabolic products from each enantiomer
- Immobilization on microbial supports
- Bioreactor studies



## Conclusions

- Lupanine is **highly toxic** for aquatic organisms
- **Non-toxic** for dicotyledonous
- Bioconversion of lupanine under **aerobic** conditions
- Useful metabolic **end-products**
- *P. putida* performs **resolution** of racemic lupanine

# Thank You!



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